

**LIMITATIONS ON ANNEXATION BY AND
EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN
MUNICIPALITIES**

CHAPTER 941

H.B. No. 4059

AN ACT

relating to limitations on annexation by and extraterritorial jurisdiction of certain municipalities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 42.023, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.023. **REDUCTION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.** The extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality may not be reduced unless the governing body of the municipality gives its written consent by ordinance or resolution, except:

- (1) in cases of judicial apportionment of overlapping extraterritorial jurisdictions under Section 42.901; ~~or~~
- (2) in accordance with an agreement under Section 42.022(d); or
- (3) as necessary to comply with Section 42.0235.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 42, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0235 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0235. LIMITATION ON EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) Notwithstanding Section 42.021, the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality with a population of more than 175,000 located in a county that contains an international border and borders the Gulf of Mexico terminates two miles from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a neighboring municipality if extension of the extraterritorial jurisdiction beyond that limit would:

- (1) completely surround the corporate boundaries or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the neighboring municipality; and*
 - (2) limit the growth of the neighboring municipality by precluding the expansion of the neighboring municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.*
- (b) A municipality shall release extraterritorial jurisdiction as necessary to comply with Subsection (a).*
- (c) Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality that owns an electric system and that releases extraterritorial jurisdiction under Subsection (b) may provide electric service in the released area to the same extent that the service would have been provided if the municipality had annexed the area.*

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.037 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.037. PROHIBITION AGAINST ANNEXATION TO SURROUND MUNICIPALITY IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. A municipality with a population of more than 175,000 located in a county that contains an international border and borders the Gulf of Mexico may not annex an area that would cause another municipality to be entirely surrounded by the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the annexing municipality.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by Section 43.037, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies to any annexation, including an annexation proposed in an annexation plan under Section 43.052, Local Government Code, that is not final before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4059 on May 29, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 2015.

Effective June 18, 2015.

ISSUANCE OF K9S4COPS SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

CHAPTER 942

H.B. No. 4099

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of K9s4COPs specialty license plates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.649 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.649. K9S4COPS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue K9s4COPs specialty license plates. The department shall design the license plates in consultation with K9s4COPs.

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund to be used only by the office of the governor in making grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of funding the purchase of police dogs by law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Passed by the House on May 15, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4099 on May 29, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2016.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE POWERS OF THE GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY

CHAPTER 943

H.B. No. 4168

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the board of directors and the powers of the Gulf Coast Water Authority.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 712, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, is amended by adding Section 3A to read as follows:

Sec. 3A. In connection with the acquisition of water, or the treatment, storage, or transportation of water, the district may enter into retail service agreements within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas for the purchase of electricity for the district's own use and may sell electricity in a sale or resale only by way of a registered power marketer